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SY CHANNEL DEPT ALSO FOR A/SY/FO/EUR AND A/SY/OPS: FRANKFURT FOR RSS
FROM RSO SORENSSEN

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: SHOOTING ATTACK ON CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE

REF: (A) IZMIR 251; (B) STATE 181701

1. RSO AND PSO AUGUST 3 SURVEYED DAMAGE TO RESIDENCE ACCOMPANIED
BY TURKISH POLICE OFFICIAL. BELIEVE DAMAGE MORE EXTENSIVE THAN
FROM MARCH 29 INCIDENT AND AS REPORTED REF A. PRINCIPAL OFFICER

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AND HIS WIFE NARROWLY ESCAPED INJURY. BELIEVE THAT AT LEAST 22
ROUNDS STRUCK RESIDENCE AND THAT ROUNDS WERE NOT 9 MM BUT HIGH POWERE
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7.62 OR 7.65 ROUNDS. ROUNDS WERE FULLY JACKETED AND CONTAINED
STEEL CORES WHICH RSO BELIEVES BEST DESCRIBED AS MILITARY
TYPE OR ARMOR PIERCING TYPE ROUNDS.

2. RSO NOTES THAT ONE ROUND TRAVELED THROUGH TWO INCHES
OF WOOD AND CONTINUED INTO BEDROOM TO CAUSE EXTENSIVE
RICOCHET DAMAGE; A NUMBER OF ROUNDS APPEARED TO SHED
JACKETS ON IMPACT AND STEEL CORES CONTINUED INTO BEDROOMS

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WITH POTENTIALLY LETHAL EFFECTS. ANOTHER ROUND TRAVELED
THROUGH SEVERAL METAL SURFACES OF AN AIR CONDITIONER TO
CAUSE RICOCHET DAMAGE. ONE ROUND DID STRIKE WALL AT HEAD
OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S BED AND CONTINUED TO CAUSE RICOCHET
DAMAGE. INJURY AVERTED BY ABOUT ONE INCH.

3. POLICE OFFICIAL AGREED THAT WEAPON USED WAS OF
DIFFERENT TYPE THAN USED IN PREVIOUS ATTACK, SPECULATING

THAT IT WAS PERHAPS OF CZECHOSLOVAK MANUFACTURE.
POLICE OFFICIAL ALSO OPINED, INFORMALLY, THAT A MAOIST
GROUP WAS RESPONSIBLE. WHILE HE STATED THAT INVESTIGATION
IS CONTINUING HE WAS NOT MUCH MORE FORTHCOMING.

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4. TWO POLICE ARE POSTED IN FRONT OF RESIDENCE PERIMETER
ARMED WITH NINE MM PISTOLS AND ON OCCASION NINE MM MACHINE
GUNS. ARMED CONSULATE CONTRACT WATCHMAN PROVIDES ROVING
PATROL INSIDE PERIMETER. POLICE NOW HAVE PROMISED TO ADD
TO 24 HOUR COVERAGE AT FRONT BY POSTING THREE ARMED POLICE
AT BACK ON 24 HOUR BASIS.

5. AFTER MARCH 29 ATTACK POST AND RSO REQUESTED DEPT/SY
ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING, PURCHASING AND SHIIPING LEXAN FOR
RESIDENCE. POST AND RSO SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED DEPT OF
SIZES NEEDED AND WERE ADVISED OF COST. RSO WILL FOLLOW
UP WITH SY IN SEPTEL TO DETERMINE STATUS OF REQUEST AND
IF EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING IS POSSIBLE.

6. IN INTERIM, POST AND RSO ARE CONSULTING WITH
EMBASSY FOR IMMEDIATE FUNDING OF STEEL SHUTTERS
CAPABLE OF STOPPING NINE MM ROUNDS. SHUTTERS
WILL BE INSTALLED IN ALL WINDOWS AND DOORS OF MASTER
BEDROOM. PSO, USING TNP FACILITIES, NOW CONDUCTING
TEST TO DETERMINE DESIRED THICKNESS OF METAL AND
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WILL THEN ARRANGE WITH LOCAL FIRM FOR EARLIEST
POSSIBLE INSTALLATION.

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7. IN ADDITION, POST HAS PLANS TO BEGIN WORK TO
INCREASE HEIGHT OF REAR PERIMETER WALL TO NINE FEET
NEXT WEEK. SPECIFICATIONS CALL FOR SOLID MASONRY
AND STONE WALL.

8. RSO FORWARDING PHOTOGRAPHS AND REPORT TO SY/FO.
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